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AND FREEDOM OF EMIGRATION

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1. WHEN I MADE MY FAREWELL CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER WOJTASZEK JANUARY 25, I APOLOGIZED FOR INTRODUCING MATTERS OF CURRENT BUSINESS INTO A COURTESY CALL, BUT SAID THAT I HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO ASK HIM WHEN WE COULD EXPECT TO RECEIVE THE REPORT HE HAD PROMISED THE SECRETARY WITHIN A SHORTTIME ON THE THREE CASES RAISED DURING THEIR DECEMBER 30 MEETING (KENNEDY-STROJEK, PIKE-BIEGUNSKI, AND MARIS KOTLARZ). I SAID THE CHIEF OF THE EMBASSY'S CONSULAR SECTION HAD RASIED THESE CASES AGAIN JANUARY 24 WITH DEPUTY DIRECTOR MICKIEWICZ OF THE MFA'S CONSULAR DEPARTMENT AND APPARENTLY SOME PROGRESS WAS BEING MADE, AT LEAST ON ONE CASE, IN THE DIRECTION OF CLARIFYING THE PROBLEM. I SAID THAT THIS CONVERSATION DID NOT, HOWEVER, IN MY VIEW MEET THE OBLIGATION OF THE REPORT HE HAD PROMISED THE SECRETARY.

2. WOJTASZEK SAID HE QUITE AGREED AND NOTED HE HAD BEEN ON LEAVE, FOLLOWING A VERY ACTIVE DECEMBER AND JANUARY. HE SAID HE WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH "THE RESPONSIBLE POLISH

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AUTHORITIES", GO THOUROUGHLY INTO ALL THREE CASES, AND SHORTLY PROVIDE A REPORT.

3. I THANKED HIM FOR THIS RESPONSE, SAYING I WOULD NOT HAVE RAISED THE MATTER IF IT WERE NOT THE CASE THAT IT WILL STILL BE SOME TIME BEFORE MY SUCCESSOR ARRIVES AND I FELT WE SHOULD NOT WAIT UNTIL THEM TO PURSUE THIS QUESTION,

IN WHICH THE SECRETARY HAD SHOWN A STRONG INTEREST.
WOJTASZEK AGREED AGAIN AND REPEATED THAT HE WANTED TO GO
THOROUGHLY INTO ALL THREE CASES AND THEN GIVE US A REPORT.
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